

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING
MINUTES**

**March 14, 2013
Room 110**

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Board) was held on Thursday, March 14, 2013, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:13 P.M., by Board Vice President Dr. Jay LeBow.

Additionally, Board members present included: Drs. Craig Friedman and Todd Harrison. Public member of the Board present was Jay Boyar, EdS. Board President Tanya Sellers-Hannibal, D.P.M., Zachary Chattler, D.P.M., and public member Barbara Crosby, RN, BSN were absent.

Staff present: Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel, Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer and Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator.

Guests present: Lynda McGinnis, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), Paula Hollinger, DHMH, Sharon Bloom, DHMH, and Harold Glazer, D.P.M., visiting Maryland licensed podiatrist.

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from February 14, 2013, Meeting.

The minutes of the February 14, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Groupon

The Board has requested an opinion from the Attorney General regarding fee splitting in Groupon advertising, as well as other social media sites, to be standardized for all Boards.

**2. SB 541/HB 746- Health Occupations - Licensed Podiatrists –
Scope of Practice**

Members of the Board, as well as members of the Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) went to Annapolis to testify in favor of SB 541/HB 746-Health Occupations - Licensed Podiatrists – Scope of Practice, which would include treating acute ankle fractures in a podiatrist's scope of practice. Residency programs have been training podiatrists for years on acute ankle surgeries. The Maryland Orthopedic Association and Medchi are both opposing the Bills.

**3. SB 608/ HB 798- Environment - Radiation Sources –
Podiatry and Chiropractic Radiation Machines**

The Board was informed that SB 608/ HB 798- Environment - Radiation Sources – Podiatry and Chiropractic Radiation Machines is dormant at the current time. Lynda McGinnis, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), informed the Board that the subcommittee has given the Bill a favorable vote with a three year sunset. It will be presented in legislation at a later time.

4. EMR Status

The Board discussed cloud based Electronic Medical Records (EMR) and issues that could occur when switching companies. Some companies will hold patient records until the podiatrist pays certain fees before releasing them during a switch. Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel informed the Board that it was not a Board issue and there are already regulations in the Health General Article as well as Federal Regulations under HIPPA to protect podiatrists and their patients from these types of instances. The Board will have these regulations posted on the website.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Hearings

Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, informed the Board that there is a pending resolution to the restriction of the funds, language that was included in the BRFA regarding electronic transference of the Boards' licensing database to the child support administration.

D. OTHER:

1. Vice President Jay LeBow D.P.M., informed the Board that he will be meeting with Dr Perman from the University of Maryland on April 3rd, 2013 regarding exploration into a new residency program with the school. This meeting is being sponsored by Alexander and Cleaver and also attended by select MPMA representatives.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated "10-501 et seq." the Board unanimously approved a motion to close its meeting at 1:50 p.m., in room 110 for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Boyar, Secretary/Treasurer

